services operated by private air taxi operators are entitled to accident compensation as follows :—

Age of Passenger	Death or bodily injury or would which results in permanent disablement	Bodily injury which results in a temporary disablement
12 years or more . .	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Rs. 500 per day for every day during which he continues to be so disabled or a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 whichever is less.
Below 12 years . .	Rs. 2,50,000/-	

(c) DGCA has constituted teams at Delhi and Bombay to audit safety aspects of air taxi operations. Operational and airworthiness aspects of aircraft are also monitored regularly. Action is taken to get deficiencies removed.

95. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what expenditure was incurred by Government on celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Civil Aviation;

(b) whether the cost was shared by the public sector units under the Ministry of Civil Aviation with break-up thereof, if any;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have given away wrist watches and monetary gifts as part of the above celebrations; and

(d) if so, the cost of such wrist watches and whether Government's purchase procedure was followed, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Government did not incur any expenditure on celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Civil Aviation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Air India gave monetary rewards and especially designed wrist watches to its employees and special invitees as part of the celebrations. Air India selected watches for the purpose which cost approximately Rs. 142 lakhs after obtaining quotations and samples from two leading watch manufacturers namely M/s. HMT and M/s. Titan; M/s Allwyn did not send their quotation. A tender committee of Air India took the decision on purchase of watches.

Improvement in the functioning of Air India

96. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken to improve the functioning of Air India in 1993;

(b) if so, the details of such steps;

(c) whether any measures are proposed to be taken so that the passengers are not harassed by frequent cancellation of Air India flights; and

(d) if so, the details of such measures ?